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**TO THE: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE STANDING  
COMMITTEE OF THE TOURISM, OUTDOOR RECREATION AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES**

**There is great sorrow and concern that I, Alexander R. Lukats cannot personally appear at this hearing. I was discharged from a twenty-six day hospitalization resulting from a multiple sclerosis exacerbation and am presently in "out patient rehabilitation" at the Dickinson County Hospital.**

**My family has lived, logged and farmed in Felch Township, Dickinson County, Michigan for over three-quarters of a century.**

**My grandfather Herman Jacobson purchased the South ½ of SW ¼ of Section 23 & 42 N R 28 West, Dickinson County Michigan, hereinafter called "The River 40's", from The Detroit, Mackinac & Marquette Land Company in the early 1930's. He built a cabin with a barn and kept horses and livestock on the property. The barn was to the south and the cabin was to the north of an east-west road that traveled in from the north-west and out the east onto state land. Pictures were presented to the Natural Resources Commission in 2004 thru the prior State Forrester, Mr. Bernie Hubbard.**

**More than one of the older citizens remembers my grandfather and the roads that traversed that area as far back as the 1940's. Now there are no fire lanes south of Skunk Creek Road and north of the Quarry Road behind our family homestead.**

**This is very dangerous and shortsighted. There are no early warning systems and no ready access. This condition could breed disaster.**

**Drug growers regularly plant their products in unprotected and untraveled areas. We have called the County Sherriff and Michigan**

**State Police. Once internal roads and trails were established, the threat seems to have disappeared.**

**We were always able to come into the property through the west, south and from the east. After 2000, the DNR changed its attitude, gates and fences went up, and neighbors shut out neighbors.**

**The state logged to the east of the “River 40’s” and allowed our gate to be removed, my sign was destroyed and brush and stumps were pushed up along our eastern boundary. I brought that problem to the attention of the DNR representative. There was no action.**

**The most suitable route to our property became the road to Skunk Creek. There is and was a wood log stretch of less than a few hundred feet that became mysteriously damaged. I asked the local DNR officer if I could push in a few loads of fill where the area was damaged.**

**One sunny day in 1991, that same DNR officer walked onto our property from Skunk Creek Road and unilaterally decided that a two-wheel drive vehicle could not negotiate my road and therefore “was not a road”.**

**We owned a two-wheel drive pick-up until the fall of 1997 and others entered the property with two wheel drive vehicles.**

**When asked about permitting I was told, “Why bother-we will just deny it.”**

**The contention that the DNR built the road we use is implausible. Just because they came in with a bigger bulldozer does not mean they eradicated the existing road.**

**Our property has never been without access. Adjacent private landowners who are hunters do not want people to disturb their peace and go near their cabins. This is understandable and their right.**

**We just want to come and go to our property, as my family has done for over seventy-five years. We had hoped to take my 91 year old, legally blind mother to revisit the land that she played on as a child, but the**

**matter has not been resolved and I can no longer travel by foot myself and need a passable road.**

**Our family needs the road back and we will pay for the minor repairs of the log section of the existing road or if not cost prohibitive, will construct a road from the north. There are few trees, if any, involved.**

**Representative Casperson, Representative Lindberg, former Representative Adamini, Senator Prusi, and their able assistants have tried to assist me but to no avail.**

**What the DNR has accomplished is an unjust and unwarranted taking of the use and enjoyment of our private property for no specific public purpose. This is surly not the intent of the State of Michigan and should not be allowed.**

**I am afraid of the DNR and wish little contact with the individuals. The group has become a power unto itself that believes they know what is best for the state, its land and the people. This is within the purview of the legislative, judicial and executive branches of government.**

**House Bill 4981 will go far to remedy this problem for private landowners and it will help the DNR in spite of itself to stop waste and release state land assets from the unnecessary bondage of surrounding private lands.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Alexander R. Lukats**

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